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PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNAVOIDABLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)	Docket Number (Optional) SUNY RB-176
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Title: HIERARCHICAL STATIC SHADOW DETECTION METHOD

Art Unit: 2624

Examiner: Seyed H. Azarian

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APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION.

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee.
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee.
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee – required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995, and for all design applications; and
- (4) Adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay.

1. Petition fee

☒ Small entity – fee \$ 255.00 (37 CFR 1.17(I)). Applicant claims small entity status.
 See 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ Other than small entity – fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(I)).

2. Reply and/or fee

A The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of _____ (identify the type of reply):

☐ has been filed previously on _____.

☐ is enclosed herewith.

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- ☐ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- ☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ _____ for a small entity or \$ _____ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. An adequate showing of the cause of the delay, and that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) was unavoidable, is enclosed.**WARNING:**

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NOTE: The following showing of the cause of unavoidable delay must be signed by all applicants or by any other party who is presenting statements concerning the cause of delay.

/Steven M. Hoffberg/

February 6, 2008

Signature

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(In the space provided below, please explain in detail the reasons for the delay in filing a proper reply.)

In the event that this petition is denied, applicants contingently petition for revival under an unavoidable standard, and a contingent petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b) is provided herewith.

The undersigned performed an investigation, which revealed that the Law Offices of Mark Levy, counsel of record, apparently received the Notice of Allowance in October, 2007 and promptly forwarded the Notice by mail to Binghamton University. The Administrative Assistant who reliably receives and scans the mail reviewed her records (see attached Declaration of Laura Riccuti), which indicate that the correspondence was not received by her office.

Therefore, the Notice was not responded to, and the application became unavoidably abandoned. A Notice of Abandonment dated February 4, 2008 was received by assignee on February 5, 2008, and this Petition to Revive was promptly prepared.

At no time did applicant or assignee intentionally abandon the application, and it is respectfully submitted that the failure to receive the Notice of Allowance by assignee after being mailed from counsel represents an unavoidable abandonment of the application. See MPEP 711.03(c):

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